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Preface

These few sermons, taken from transcripts made at the time, give us a glimpse into the character and views of a future Apostle and Prophet of the Lord. Beginning eleven years before his call to the Apostleship, at the age of 34, Brother Rulon's talks show a devoutness to the Gospel, and a determination to stand up for true principles. His unwavering defense of truth would lead to him being sent to jail for his beliefs, but he emerged as committed as ever to keep God's principles alive, even if it should cost him his life (which it ultimately did).

It is hoped that those who read these discourses may come to understand a little better this latter-day witness of Jesus Christ, and gain an appreciation for a man who gave his all for the truth.

1940

10th November 1940

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[1]

My brothers and sisters, I rejoice in this opportunity to speak to you and I sincerely hope that the Spirit of God may be with me that I may say nothing of myself, but that He may dictate what He wants me to say. I desire that the spirituality of myself may be improved upon that I may add to your spirituality. I sincerely hope that I may have the Spirit of God to abide with me that I may be an instrument in His hands.

We are oft times accused of being over-balanced and running to excess in many things. There is a great possibility of that with all of us. The command of God is that we walk in accordance with every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. To hope that we may have the gift of the Holy Ghost without the laying on of hands is contrary to the word of God; nor can we receive forgiveness of sins without baptism. Every law must be obeyed before we can receive the blessing upon which it is predicated. All that we do should be with an eye single to God's glory. We cannot hope to receive the blessings of temporal salvation without obedience to the laws that God has given. We seek not only power in this life through obedience to the laws; we seek to become perfect. The law of tithing alone will save us from being burned and the blessings predicated upon that law are sufficient to make us desire to abide it, that we might be spared at Christ's coming.

God condemned Mahonri Moriancumer, the brother of Jared, for not living up to the law of prayer. If we do not remember our prayers morning, noon and night, we cannot hope to obtain that Spirit of God as we are entitled to, with an eye single to His glory.

The Lord has said we should offer up our sacrifices and partake of the Sacrament. We as Latter Day Saints believe in all the laws of God. We believe there are certain blessings that are predicated upon the obedience of those laws. There is one commandment that we as a people do stress, because it needs [to be] stressed, for the people have turned from it; a law we are accused of being fanatical about - the law of Celestial or plural marriage. Joseph Smith, Brigham. Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Joseph F. Smith believed in that law and lived it. Our late Joseph F. Smith said that we cannot obtain the same glory with one wife

1 D. W. Jeffs presided and conducted (as appointed by the Priesthood Counsel who were traveling in the East)

and a man cannot obtain to that fullness without living this holy law. I bear witness in the name of God that that law is true and right. That law was given in this dispensation of time and is essential to this dispensation. It is the law of God and it is my testimony to you and to the nations of the earth - no man who walks on this earth who does not abide it will receive the fullness of Celestial glory. The law was revealed in 1831 to Joseph Smith. A little later on he explained that law to a few of his close associates, those whom he knew he could trust. In 1838 the great apostasy, including nine of the apostles, was due to the Prophet's practicing that law, for Benjamin F. Johnson testifies such was the ease. Oliver Cowdery accused the Prophet of adultery stating he had caught him with Fannie Alger. Henry Bates Nobles sealed Louisa Beaman to the Prophet. Subsequent to this time we have the names of 27 wives who were given to him by Brigham Young and others. He lived the law and taught it by example. Others of the apostles during the life of the Prophet lived that law. The church as a body did not receive it until 1852.

About 1841 the Prophet was asked: “Do the Mormon people believe in the law of polygamy?” He answered, “No they do not.” But those to whom it was revealed not only believed it but practiced it. In 1848, six years after the law was submitted to the higher orders of the Priesthood, the Prophet Brigham Young revealed that law to some of the Saints at Winter Quarters. In 1852 at a special conference Brigham Young presented that law to the members of the church. At the time Brigham Young and the Saints came to the Rockies every Elder was required to be re-baptized and re-confirmed and covenanted every one to live the law which was revealed them. Yet, less than 3% of the Priesthood ever lived Celestial marriage, for the others were too weak to live it. In 1880 the Lord through Wilford Woodruff said, “Woe unto that people who prevent my people from living that law.” In the 1886 revelation the Lord said, “I have not revoked this law (plural marriage) nor will I.” In 1889 the Lord plead with the people never to reject “that law,” but in 1889 or 1890 more than 2000 of our brethren were in the penitentiary and the leading brethren were under great strain. In 1890 Wilford Woodruff said he was inspired to write the Manifesto; but Chas. W. Penrose says he wrote it. God did not revoke that law; He said he would not, so Wilford Woodruff made a covenant with death and hell. In 1890 the people of the State of Utah (97% of them were Mormons) began legislative action to obtain statehood and drafted a constitution forever outlawing polygamy.

I myself believe that Wilford Woodruff was inspired to write the Manifesto. The church voluntarily as a church set that law aside. Wilford Woodruff did what God told him to do. The Manifesto did not stop that law. Lorenzo Snow in addressing the courts said: “Though I go to prison,

God will not change the divine law of Celestial marriage, but the nation and the people who oppose it and the church and Kingdom of God shall be destroyed." God will not reject that law and the people prohibiting the living of it shall be damned. God cannot deny His word or He would cease to be God.

I bear you my solemn testimony that the law of Celestial marriage is binding upon all those who believe it to be the word of God, and those who know it to be true and, consistently refuse to live it shall be damned.

We as a people must have the Spirit of the Lord. The Lord needs righteous, humble people, and people of integrity. Let us say in our hearts, "Lord, all that I have is thine." Those who are not willing to give all for the Gospel will fall short of exaltation. May the Lord forgive us of all our fault-finding, back-biting. etc. I do not condemn you, brothers and sisters; I judge you according to my own acts. I am trying to keep the commandments of God; I know my imperfections, my lack of humility, my lack of wisdom and understanding. May God give us strength to do the Lord's will and keep His commandments, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

6th April 1941

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[2]

My brothers and sisters, I don't think I was more surprised in my life. I am filled with a keen sense of responsibility in talking to you today and I am very much aware of the importance of this occasion.

It is the true time of the birth of our Lord and Savior on the earth. The main body of us have been cast out by the church because of our belief in the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. Those words may seem light and immaterial, but those of us who have magnified the Priesthood of God, who have partaken of the holy ordinances of the House of the Lord consider it very serious, and would not be here today if we did not believe we were following the path of God, regardless of the love of the world and the rights of men. We would have bowed our knee, we would have sought the favor of the leaders of the church and pampered after the love of men and the world, if we had not desired to go according to the dictates of our own consciences. If there are any of us here today who have other reasons than to follow God, let us get on our knees and pray about it. If you have arrived at the place where you are today, because of the love of God - to consecrate everything you have to God - then you are on the right footing. No matter now keen our love of truth may be, no matter how sincere our desire to serve God is, we have weaknesses which we are constantly having to overcome, that through the love of Jesus Christ we may be saved in the light of our Heavenly Father.

I do not believe anyone ever spoke as did Paul on the subject of charity, which we are told in the Book of Mormon is the pure love of Christ. As the love of Christ comprehends all the virtues of Godliness, so must our charity or love be like Christ's. *(I Corinthians 13.)* The Lord expects us to incorporate in our lives all the virtues of Christ, which, can only be achieved by attaining all the virtues of Godliness.

> "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

2 Held at the home of Charles F. Zitting. Bro. John Y. Barlow presided and conducted.

How great is the gift of prophecy, yet it does not compare with charity, which is the true love of God, and comprehends even prophecy.

> "Though I have faith to remove mountains and have not the love of God, I am nothing."

Those of us who are attempting to live the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we cannot be concerned so much about having our feelings hurt, as we should be about hurting the feelings of others.

> "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charily, it profiteth me frothing."

A lot of us have the idea that charity means to give our goods to the poor, but that Paul meant it to comprehend more than this is evident from his statement, "Though I give all I have to the poor, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing;" for charity comprises all the attributes which to possess makes us like the gods. Charity is lacking in a lot of us who think we have the love of God and are mean as the devil.

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind;" The lack of kindness, a component part of charity, displays a pettish weakness. Though we may appear outwardly to be very fine, if we are not kind, there is some little rottenness down deep inside.

"Charity envieth not;" If we truly have the love of God in our hearts, we will not envy one another; we will not prize another's goods nor wish we had that which he possesses, but we will magnify our own virtues and possessions and calling! and be satisfied with the lot God gives us,

"Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." No one can have the pure love of God in his heart and be proud and puffed up, for the scriptures say that all the proud and they that do wickedly and the stiff-necked shall be as stubble and the Lord will burn them up. The very essence of charity is humility. Christ did not hesitate to claim that which was His own, but He did not think it 'incompatible with justice to make Himself equal with God, but He sought to become like God by acquiring His Father's attributes and He knew when He had attained them in their fullness He would be like God. Christ's every action manifested humility and subjection to the will of His Father.

"[Charity] doth not behave itself unseemly," Charity makes a gentleman out of any man and a lady out of any woman. Charity is careful how it exercises itself in the presence of others lest it step on the

toes of others.

"Seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked," Remember that the greatest of all attributes is love, that God is love, and that as we hope to become like Him, we must overcome these personal littlenesses.

"[Charity] thinketh no evil;" - How we love to spread the evil of one another. For example, so many of us are running around with stories of one another, only too glad to believe every evil report, and like busy-bodies scatter it abroad. Paul said God was displeased with the ancient saints because there were busy-bodies, and tale-bearers among them. These vices exist among us. How we delight in "thinking evil." For example, this tale came to me: "Do you know what I heard? Rulon's taking steps to see that his girls do not become pregnant and is letting Ruth have all the children because she bears them so easily. He is a doctor; he knows what to do." If we had the love of God in our hearts, we would not repeat such stories, nor would we delight in believing them. Unless we overcome those things we will never have true charity nor become like God.

> "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, and endureth all takings."

If we truly have the pure love of God in our hearts, we will learn to say, "I do not understand," rather than, "I do not believe." We will have to attain the power to endure all things; there are no persecutions, trials or hardships that we cannot stand, for we will know that our course, is pleasing unto God, and the virtues of Godliness are made manifest in our lives. It is within the ability of this group to bear your trials, hardships, difficulties, etc., with patience and long-suffering. God will reward you. Often we hear, "Even if it is true, I do not want to believe it." If there are things that we do not understand, we should say, "We hope we may sometime understand and believe then."

Our thirteenth article of faith says, "We believe in being honest, true, chaste, benevolent, virtuous and in doing good to all men.; indeed we may say we follow the admonitions of Paul; we believe all things, we hope all things, we have endured many things, and we hope to be able to endure all things. If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praiseworthy, we seek after these things." This plainly shows that one of our basic principles of our religion is to understand charity, and refers to the teachings of Paul.

"Charity never faileth," True love will never fail, not only as it. is manifested in our lives for others, but as it is manifested in the love of God toward us - it will never fail; "but whether there be prophecies, they

shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away,"

> "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."

When the heavens, are open to us, we will know all things in their fullness and that which is spoken in part we will know in full. All these gifts, manifestations of the love of God toward us are given in part, but then we shall know them in full.

> "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly, but then face to face, now I know in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

Brothers and sisters, let us see if we can acquire it. This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

26th January 1941

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Brothers and sisters, I have heard a lot of the brothers say they knew they would be called upon. This is one time when I did not think I would be. I was very grateful to hear the remarks made by my brother Owen.

There is a little message that I feel I can give to you saints today and which I received during Sunday School this morning. The Spirit of God was there, and the veil was thin between us. If our eyes had been open and our hearts a little more pure, we would have seen those on the other side.

I did have an experience that was revealed to me this morning. In the Doctrine and Covenants we are told the gift of God is given to men that all might be perfected thereby. Unto some is given the gift of healing, to others the gift of prophecy. I have always known that the Lord is my Savior. Many times I have contemplated the sacrifice He made for us that we might live. I pray that I might live a better life.

This morning I envisioned the Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane kneeling in prayer with drops of blood on His forehead, the apostles too sleepy to give Him their spiritual comfort. I saw Him as the Jews placed upon his brow a wreath of thorns and a purple robe. I saw him before Pilate, the Jews crying out for His blood - the Jews whom He healed, healing their sick and raising their dead from their graves. I saw Pilate, though he had power to save Christ he did as the people demanded. I saw Christ as they compelled Him to carry a cross with a beam that was so heavy that few with normal strength to carry it could- He drawing it up the hill. Even the apostles did not stand by Him during that hour of trial. The Lord was placed upon His own responsibility and He bore it the rest of the way up the hill. He was nailed to the cross with nails through the palms of His hands and when they dropped the cross into the hole the nails tore loose and then they lowered the cross again. They climbed up and drove nails through His wrists so He would hang there. So great was the physical and spiritual anguish that He bore that he died long before ordinary men would have. He had a sword driven through His side to see if He was dead. They pierced His body and let the blood and water run from it.

Thank God we can see that Christ died for the saving of the world. God sanctify us and bless us that we may draw close to Him and sanctify our lives, I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

14th September 1941

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[3]

I pray God that I will be able to say a few things of benefit to you today. There is nothing as beautiful in the world as the Gospel of Jesus Christ; every law of it. Every principle and law of the Gospel is essential to our salvation.

> "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated. And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." *(D&C 130:20,21)*

Keep the law of tithing. Keep the Sabbath Day holy. Obey the law of Celestial marriage. If you want your brothers and sisters to love you, love them.

> "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." *(Ecc. 11:1)*

We get out of life what we put into it. God will inspire us according to our faith and the way we live His commandments. *[He then spoke of how the different Saints in the group took him and his family in when they came from California; namely, Bro. Lyman Jessop, Charles Zitting, Fred Cleveland, etc.]*

I don't know when I have known a better people than we have here. The Lord said, "Therefore, let your light so shine before this world, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 5:18) "' We have been told by the Prophet to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Don't let your light shine off a cigarette, a drink, etc. God loves us when we do His will and keep His commandments. Let us prove to be an example to the children of men. I hope and pray that I will not be a stumbling block to others.

3 Held at Louis Kelsch home. Bro. John Y. Barlow Presided. Bro. Joseph W. Musser conducted.

1942

22nd February 1942

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

I rejoice that I have the privilege of speaking to this body of Saints. I pray that the Lord will direct my words and thoughts and that what I do say will be in accordance with His will.

I feel like Apostle Paul when he said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, etc." There was no condemnation to the world when there was no light, but that light came into the world and many have rejected it. And again the Apostle Paul was one of those men who was left upon the earth who had the calling and direct confirmation of Jesus Christ. The Savior appeared himself and told him, "Saul, Saul, it is hard for you to kick against the pricks." And He said, "I am Jesus Christ whom thou persecutest." Paul went to Ananias who held the powers of the Priesthood to administer the Gospel of repentance and baptism by immersion for the remission of sins, and submitted himself to him in accordance with instructions. In the meantime an angel appeared to Ananias in the City of Damascas and told him that Paul was coming to him. Ananias said, "I know him, for he is one who has persecuted us from city to city; but the angel of the Lord said, "He is a chosen vessel in my hands and a light unto the Gentiles." After Paul's baptism by proper authority he went forth to declare the Gospel to the Gentile nations. While Paul was in Assyria he found those who brought in lies and untruths. Brethren and sisters, the spirit of dissension is not of the Lord. Paul stated to the Gallatians: "Though we or an angel of God declare unto you any other Gospel than that which you have already received, let him be accursed."

We are chosen of God in this dispensation. Joseph Smith was one of the greatest men who lived upon the earth. He never taught false doctrine. He taught that God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He was not ashamed to declare that doctrine to kings, etc. He taught faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance, baptism by immersion for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost. No one could confound him. He could hardly give these teachings out before false doctrines were begun; revelations were receive by individuals. One woman declared an angel of light had appeared to her telling her that her husband was a chosen vessel in the hands of God, telling him that he must not travel more than 100 miles from home or he would be destroyed. The Prophet detected the deception of this so-called

angel of light and the woman's husband filled missions thousands of miles from home.

The reason I cite you these things is to have you remember one thing: I am a servant of God just so long as I uphold the prophets and the former revelations of God; I am a servant of God just so long as I preach the same Gospel that Joseph Smith taught. Paul the Apostle taught with power and might and was commissioned directed by God. He knew that no one could preach any "other Gospel than that which we have preached, etc." The Lord tells us in Doc. & Cov. 52:14, "And again I will give you a pattern in all things that you may not be deceived, etc." That Gospel is preached to all men. There is no one who need be ashamed of it; there is no one who has the Priesthood who dare deny it.

Some of you may say, "Why do you talk this way?" Because I have a message to this people. Lucifer is working with choice people and this is a choice people. He has more knowledge than you and I have inside of ourselves. Stay close to the Priesthood of God and abide their counsel. My father went from Idaho to old Mexico where he received my mother in plural marriage at the hand of Anthony W. Ivins, who was commissioned by proper authority with that special calling. My father lived this law for years in Mexico. Later he was instructed to move to Idaho where he lived the law of plural marriage quietly. After some time had passed, there were individuals who came forth teaching plural marriage and other doctrines without having been called. Among these doctrines was that of reincarnation. They had run before they were sent and were tossed hither and thither by every wind of doctrine. When you or I break any of the commandments of God, we become subject to the powers of Lucifer. My father was doing the best he could. People in that part of the country began to believe in these false doctrines. Just at that time one. of the sisters began to receive revelations, and she revealed to my father that he was the reincarnation of Parley P. Pratt; Sister Hale, the wife of Heber Q. Hale, was Deborah. The brethren here and there did all they could to stir, them from that course. She lead half of that group after her. They became some mighty people in their own estimation. They finally got to the point where they did not believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet. They did not believe that the Gospel was restored in its fullness. To be born again did not mean to be baptized and receive the laying on of hands. Joseph Smith was only a symbol of what was to come. Where did they end up? Gambling, etc. There was not found a spark of any religion in them. They did not believe Joseph was a prophet or Brigham was a prophet. They were no longer in line; they were not holy. The Spirit of God had departed from them and they knew it. The Savior said that once there was a man possessed of an evil spirit and the authority of the Priesthood came along and cast that spirit out; and after

it had departed it wandered in barren places. After the departure of this evil spirit, the man cleaned and garnished his habitation, but because he had defiled it, the Spirit of God could not dwell there, and the evil spirit returned and found the habitation, and went and gathered seven other spirits as evil as himself; and straightway they came and possessed that man's house, and the end of that man's life was more terrible than before. So it is with those who turn from the Gospel of Christ and deny the spirit of truth. Though they clean and garnish their habitation, they have sinned against the light of heaven and the Spirit of God cannot dwell in than; therefore they are subject to every wile of Lucifer.

I have a lovely wife Myrtle; I love them all whom God has given me. She has a brother and he was as faithful and true as any man could be, but he began to know too much. He went to Joseph and told him that he had cone to set the Priesthood in order. Sherman came to me and said that none of these people would give him a hearing. I gave him three days; 18 hours everyday for three days studying his “glorious” doctrines of reincarnation. One of the things he taught was: When we partake of the Sacrament, in partaking of the bread we covenant to keep Christ's commandments; when we partake of the wine we only pray “that His spirit will be with us and say nothing about keeping the commandments. Sherman said this signified that after we had overcome the flesh, symbolized by the partaking of the bread, and took upon us the spirit of Christ, symbolized by the wine, we were above the law and it was no longer binding upon us. He said, “Bro. Rulon, I am above that; I am renewed in spirit.” Then he began to tell me who I was. He told me I was the reincarnation of Parley P. Pratt too. We spent three days and nights discussing these things. When he got through, I said, “You have started out on an improper hypothesis, and you will always arrive at an improper conclusion. Two and two are only four. If you start out that two and two are five, you will always arrive at an improper conclusion in mathematics. I told Sherman my message to him was the same as the Prophet's to Mathias, “My God has revealed to me that your God is the Devil.' I no longer desire to give you shelter; my door is open.” Apostle Paul said, “If Christ is the head of the Church, then man is the head of the woman; and as the man is the head of the woman, she should obey him even as the church obeys Christ. “If my women folks ever get to the point that I am not good enough to redeem them and I am not holy, God will take them away from me. The scriptures say that if a woman desires to obtain knowledge, let her go to her husband at home; let them go to the Priesthood which presides over them. If I do not know enough to instruct my women folks, let them go to the Priesthood which presides over me.

I want to bear my solemn testimony, having received it of the

Lord; if I do not know more than my wives do, I am not magnifying my priesthood. That is the position and responsibility of every man who magnifies his priesthood. If I cannot save them, then the Priesthood over me will have to.

I know that the Gospel is true and I know that Joseph Smith is a prophet of God. If plural marriage was as easy to live as it is to teach, all mankind would be saved; but we are judged by our works. I am going to tell you the ultimate end at which Sherman arrived: "Joseph Smith is not really the man spoken of in the scriptures who was to restore the Gospel; he is just a symbol." Jesus Christ is the author of our Gospel. The priesthood is our means of receiving His revealed word in this dispensation. If we do not follow the revealed Gospel as made known by the Priesthood, we will be damned.

This is my testimony, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

10th May 1942

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Through the goodness of the Lord we have a wonderful pamphlet which has been published for several years, the Truth Magazine. Most of the statements in them have been heard before, but are brought forth by men of God again who are not afraid to sacrifice their personal desires and the praises of the world to build up the kingdom of God. That kingdom is going to be established regardless of the opposition of all men. The Savior when He came among the children of men came among the Jews who at that time had been passing through persecutions and hardships for many years that they might be a pure people for the benefit of the rest of the world, and that they might bring forth God's word for the salvation of men. Notwithstanding at these things, they were at the time of the Savior's coming the most wicked people on the face of the earth. His powers and goodness had been made manifest to the world through them, but so great was their wickedness that He said unto them: "Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, ye are as whited sepulchers; outwardly ye are beautiful to behold, but inwardly ye are dead men's bones. Ye send out teachers as proselytes to the whole world, and when ye have gathered converts you make them more the child of hell than ye are." As it was in the days of Christ, so is it in our day. The 27th and 28th Chapters of II Nephi are being fulfilled. This nation is lifted up in the pride of its heart above all other nations of the earth; and so are we as a people. We say we are the best people on the earth. It reminds me of the words of Jeremiah, "Who among men are more righteous than they whom I have called; and who is more self-righteous than my servant?" Self-righteousness is one of the greatest stumbling blocks in the world. Just as soon as we say to ourselves that we are doing all right, then we can depend on our down fall. When we become convinced that we are all right, we may rest assured there is something radically wrong with us. Truly, God is gathering us as a people out of the church so that He may establish us as a foundation for the nucleus of the Millennium. We are the nucleus on which God will establish Zion, but unless we repent in humility, then God will not use us. Some have criticized brethren for standing up before this people and calling them to repentance, but any man who holds and magnifies the Priesthood of God will be expected to call the people to repentance and draw to their attention their imperfections, if he speaks under the inspiration of the power of God; such is his calling. It reminds me of the words of the Prophet, who said: "The world is ripening in iniquity; wars and desolation await this generation and if they do not repent, they will be destroyed. Realizing

this, will I hesitate to call them to repentance? Notwithstanding my weakness I will raise my voice crying unto them, 'Repent, for the hour of God's judgment is at hand.' I wish them nothing worse than that they repent and be saved and turn unto God." Brigham Young said, "I would rather stand forth, and be torn apart piece by piece, or be cut up joint by joint than to be afraid to call this people to repentance. If I must stand and flatter this people, I do not want to occupy this position." I see my own weaknesses and imperfections and and I wonder how God can use me. I pray God I may overcome them.

It is not what I say that convinces the world of the truth, but what I do. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh, but what a man does, he is." Remember, the best sermon ever preached was not by precept, but by living. I would far rather see a sermon preached in the life of an individual than to hear it from his lips. Notwithstanding my imperfections, I an going to read this article *(Truth, Vol. 7, May, 1942, No. 12)*. I can stand up here and preach all day and unless I do what I preach. I will never get anywhere. The Savior said, "This is the way; walk ye in it." He was the great example. The Church was given to us with its apostles, prophets, teachers, evangelists, etc., for the perfecting of the Saints and the work in the ministry until we all come to the likeness and full stature of Christ. He was an example in all things, and if we are like Him our lives will be exemplary to the world in all things. If we possess vices and imperfections and manifest them to the world, we are not magnifying our priesthood and calling. The Savior said, "He who transgresses the least of my commandments is guilty of them all." No matter what I preach, if I do not live according to my precepts, how like the tinkling of brass and the sounding of symbols my words are. A man who professes to be a servant of God and yet willfully breaks the commandments which He teaches is undoubtedly a servant of the Devil, for he whom we obey, his servants we are. There is no hypocrisy as great as that of those who profess by their teachings to be servants of God, and then willfully break His commandments and justify themselves in it. If we will, we can do the will of the Lord. No people ever lived who lived in a more glorious age than you and I now do. The prophets of God in past dispensations saw in vision our day and wished that they might live in our day. We are here in this glorious dispensation, and what are we doing with it? Some of us try to do right on Sundays particularly; others of us make an effort to serve the Lord every day of the week. Still others are going down the stream of life seeking a good time. It reminds me of the statement of Paul, who said: "They shall ever be learning, but never come to the knowledge of the truth. Seekers of pleasure more than lovers of God." The commandments of God are big things. Most of us try to keep them and do pretty well.

The lesser Priesthood was given to us that angels might minister unto us. How many of us have the ministering of angels? This Priesthood entitles us to the ministering of the ordinances of the Gospel and the gifts of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost brings to our remembrance past things and reveals the will of God concerning our lives; but how many of us walk by the guidance of this Spirit? The higher Priesthood was revealed that men might see the face of God and still live in the flesh upon the earth.

Keep the Sabbath Day holy, go to the temple and receive our endowments, or even be sealed in marriage for eternity. But because of the little things - all of the vices that you and I have are naturally little things - we are kept from having the ministering of angels and seeing the face of God. *[He then read from the Truth, Vol. 7, pg. 272, Innocent Vices "... there are none."]*

Unless we can let our light so shine that men may see it and glorify our Father in Heaven, we are not magnifying our Priesthood nor assuming our responsibilities so we may have just claim to the blessings of God.

[Then he read again continuing the article:] "Example is a great educator ... in doing her duty to her children." I have seen men who have departed so far from the light of God that their wives and daughters have left them and eventually have gone to houses of prostitution, and these men have turned from their testimonies of the truth and become vile and wicked, gone into darkness and never again been known among the people of God, and have gone to hell. And I could give a few names.

[Read again from the article:] "Sin lieth at his door." Unless we set our lives to the line and the plummet, we will fall short of the glories of God. "There is a law irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundations of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated. And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." *(D&C 130:20)* We sow and we reap, and we shall reap as we sow. If we do that which is evil, we shall be numbered with the damned. If we do that which is good, we shall receive the reward of the righteous.

You may read the rest of the article yourselves.

One more thing - Brigham Young said, "This law was revealed unto this people that God might send through them those chosen spirits reserved to come forth in this dispensation so that they might not be obliged to come in to the families of the wicked, but might be privileged to be born under the covenant in the Priesthood that God might raise them up to be a peculiar people with whom He could walk and talk. The Lord gave this Celestial law that the Saints might live in righteousness and the family order exists in the eternal worlds." Brigham Young also

said, “Due to the weaknesses of men, more men would be damned by the law than would be saved and exalted.” I have a statement from another prophet uttered in my office within the last week. That utterance was from the lips of this man, John Y. Barlow. He said, “Rulon, nine our of every ten men that are living this law today are going to be damned by it unless they repent." Brothers and sisters, this is my message to you. God bless you, Amen.

24th May 1942

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[4]

Joseph W. Musser: ... In the early days the Prophet wrote an article on "trying the spirits." He gave a recipe that we might know the spirits and be gided by them. It is in the History of the Church and also in the Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith. We. have felt impressed to ask Bro. Rulon Allred to review this article, not only to read that part that he thinks he should, but also so comment on it and that we drink in this article by the Prophet.

Rulon C. Allred: Brothers and Sisters, I feel very humble in occupying this position today. I realize my weaknesses and inabilities, and I thank God from the bottom of my heart that the Council felt that I could be used in this capacity; and if, as an individual there is some responsibility in that respect upon me, I think my shoulders are, with the help of God, broad enough to take it.

It *[the article]* speaks broadly; the Church needs it, and we are increasingly in need of it. Many of the Saints were being lead astray, and there were some women who were receiving so many revelations that the Prophet felt the need of it. It is fitting that there is need of it today in our group. We as human beings cannot profit by the past; and it is evident that we as individuals must go down to hell instead of following the counsels of the Priesthood.

[He then read from Vol. 1, History of the Church, p. 571. He commented and cited examples of men going astray and being tempted; also women. Such were James Strang, David Whitmer, Sec. 28 of the D. & C., women at the time of the Prophet.]

4 Charles Zitting home. Bro. Joseph W. Musser presided and conducted.

12th July 1942

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

When Bro. Charles [F. Zitting] stood up it reminded me of a funeral at which I spoke – I stole the bishop's subject. He stole my subject.[5]

A year ago last January we started an insurance program with the group in which the members paid 10¢ to 80¢ per month according to the age of the individual, the average benefits being from $25 to $400. There were 485 policy holders. It was decided that we withdraw from that. We feel that the Lord has had a hand in it. We decided to make it a purely priesthood issue. Now the rate for a child under 14 years of age per month will be 15¢ and the benefit amount to be paid will be $75. The adult will pay (over 14 years of age) 30¢ per month, with a benefit amount of $150. None of the funds will touched except for benefits, upon the death of an individual. Anything over $500 in the fund is to be used as a defense fund to protect the Saints. Continually we have tried to get the brethren to donate a defense fund and have never collected more than $60 over a period of years. But if we operate under the same conditions as we operated under last year we will get up to an amount of $600 and still have a defense fund. Not one dime will be touched without the consent of the full council. Bro. Hammon and I are in charge of this with Rulon Jeffs and Dell Timpson assisting. We should regard this as we do our tithes and offerings. It is not something that you cannot get something in return for. Your ratio is the same as anyone else's.

In reading the Doctrine and Covenants *(Section 64)* the Lord said, "Now is called today, until the coming of the Son of Man. And behold it is a day of sacrifice and the tithing of my people, for he that is tithed shall not be burned at His coming." Just as sure as we live and breathe, our blessings are predicated on law. This is a united Priesthood proposition. If you brothers and sisters feel you are entitled to something from it, then you must do your part.

Bro. Zitting: John [Barlow] said this is a start toward the united order and if we will do it we will receive benefit from it.

5 Zitting spoke about the trials the Saints were going through, and necessity of them providing food and insurance for each other.

1st October 44

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[6]

It was not my intention to stand before you today and bear my testimony, but when Bro. Marion talked to us it brought to my mind the weaknesses of the flesh that we are all heir to and how easy it is for us to betray them and show those weaknesses and manifest to the hurt of our brothers and sisters, and more particularly to the hurt of ourselves. No brother or sister was ever hurt half so much by having someone betray them as the person himself is hurt by becoming a traitor. We naturally voice ourselves towards our feelings regarding things that have been done that did not meet with our approval, that we did not understand. And I want to say that I have repeated this again and again to my family - almost all of the hatred and the animosities that arise in the lives of individuals come from misunderstandings of the intents of the hearts of the individuals we condemn. If we don't forget that, we will be very careful in guarding our thoughts and our feelings in condemning a brother or a sister.

What could we expect but to have it, as Bro. Marion has said, that the papers would castigate us, ridicule us, tell our story in the most heinous light possible, and never say anything good about us. It was rather singular that in one of the editions a favorable statement got it, and that was because they thought Mr. Lowry said it.

I remember hearing one brother say just a short time ago, “Well, that looks awfully bad upon the face of it - it looks awfully bad, but I tell you that are present that if you knew all the circumstances it wouldn't look bad at all,” and I know that's true.

I think we might try to remember as we are now passing before the fire, as Bro. Hammon said. We have got to remember that we are brothers and sisters in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are the sons and the daughters of our Father in Heaven. My brother or sister is as much entitled to a fair hearing upon any case, no matter how heinous or bad it may sound, as I am, and therefore let us judge with propriety; and when you or I have for a moment permitted ourselves to say, “I wish I didn't have anything to do with that brother or sister,” remember that perhaps your lack of charity, your small portion of the Gospel of Christ has put you in. a position where you couldn't have that love which would cover that sin with a cloak of charity.

May God forgive us our sins. May He help us to overcome our weaknesses. May it truly be said of us, “He is a man or a woman of God.” And we are bound to have evil spoken of us by the wicked if we

6 John Y. Barlow presided.

are good, and we are bound to be well thought of by the righteous if we are righteous - and as we sow so shall we reap. We are not yet in the reaping time. We are simply passing through the time of trial – the time when our lives, as the wheat, are being irrigated, weeded, graded and fertilized and cultivated in order that we valiant servants.

8th November 1942

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

I sincerely hope and pray that God will pour out His Spirit upon me and enlighten your minds, perhaps add to your knowledge of the Gospel and add to your joy therein. The greatest joy I have in life is serving God and keeping His commandments. The greatest knowledge I have is the knowledge that I have of the Gospel, knowing that it is truly the work of God and that I might, while in the flesh, make my calling and election sure and hear my Master and know His voice. And that should be the aspiration of every Latter-day Saint.

We are a blessed people, blessed beyond our worthiness, blessed beyond our abilities to enjoy; because if we could see and appreciate our blessings our lives would be lives of gratefulness and prayer.

It is wonderful to be in a house dedicated to God; it is wonderful to have contributed in a small measure to make it as comfortable and nice as it is, and I am grateful that I and my family have this privilege of meeting with you people. The time is now upon us, to my understanding of the Gospel, which is a great and terrible day of the Lord. It is great to those of us who know the Gospel and see the transpiring events as to the words of the prophets of God, and it is terrible beyond measure to the wicked who are seeking to destroy the work of God. The unfortunate thing is that because the world is in wickedness, the righteous often suffer with the wicked.

So let us not judge one another. Let us know that the righteous have to suffer with the wicked; let us sanctify our lives. How beautifully and wonderfully we fulfill the words of Jeremiah, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." *(Jer. 2:13)* I pray God that we will not be in that classification; that we will set our lives in order.

This day I thank God for the privilege of acknowledging my sins and weaknesses. I resolve from day to day to do better, but each day I do not do as good as I should. There are things that we can all do to improve. There are few of us as a people here that walk in obedience to some of the cardinal and lesser principles. I am willing to judge myself, for I know I have not kept the Sabbath day holy like I should; I know I have spoken evil of my brothers and sisters, which is an evil in the sight of the Lord. I know that I have not paid my tithes and offerings as I should. Let us start to get oil in our lamps. Are we loving our brother as we should? Are we extending a helping hand to those we profess to love? Is our eye truly single to the glory of God. Remember the words of our

Saviour that we will be judged according to what we do and not what we say. “Blessed are they that hear my word, but more blessed are they that keep it.” Let us go forth today resolving with all our might and mind to forth to cleanse ourselves from sin and do better; walk in obedience to all God's commandments, that we will follow our leader and do as we are counseled; remember our prayers and draw near to the Lord and keep in communion with God.

Let us set our lives in order and our families: in order so that God can use us, for we as a people are not ready to be used. If we are not used, it is our fault. “I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what I say; but when ye do not what I say, ye have no promise.” *(D&C 82:10)* I can tell you as a servant of God, God is ready to use you and me when we are ready to be used. God bless you, and help us all to do better, I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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28th March 1943

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[7]

I believe in expressing myself today in bearing my testimony that I am but expressing the testimony that burns in the hearts of' all here today. I believe there are none but have a testimony, that if we today were numbered among the peoples of the earth and had never heard the message of truth, never heard Mormonism, that the Spirit of God that burns in our hearts, that the blood that flows in our veins would direct us and we would be directed to hear the voice of the servants of God and we would be converted and accept the Gospel, because I believe that before the foundations of the world were layed we came into the world with that intent and but needed to again hear the message that we might receive it, and now we are through the goodness of God privileged to accept it, whether through the teaching of the Elders or because our parents were members of the Church and we had the privilege of being born a member of the covenant people of God. Now that we have received it and been baptized, I hope that we are conducting ourselves so that we will be entitled to its guidance. The Holy Ghost is the gift to all men that will harken to the Spirit of God, but the gift of the Holy Ghost can only be received through the ordinances of the Gospel and the imposition of hands. That is the gift of God bestowed upon us after compliance with the law, and that gift entitles us to the continual guidance of His spirit. But the Holy Ghost will not be with us and abide with us forever unless we conduct ourselves in such a way that the Spirit of God can be our companion by day and by night by doing what the Lord wants us to do, and that is why we come to meeting to be fed the spiritual food of life; that we may not walk in darkness and be led into error because we are led by the spirit of the Evil one.

What a wonderful thing it would be if whenever we spoke we could speak by the Holy Ghost, that whatever we did we did under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and that wherever we were our lives were so clean that we might know that God's spirit was with us. What a glorious thing it would be. And yet every one of us are entitled to it – not only entitled to it, but God wants us to have it. And having said so much about the cardinal principles of the Gospel, I would like to go on a little further and consider some of the things that will enable us to have the Holy Ghost as our constant companion. No man can truly be a servant of

7 Held at the Priesthood Home. Joseph W. Musser Presided and Conducted.

God unless he possesses the love of Christ, the love that surpasses all things and enables him with the Spirit of God to overcome all things.

> "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. Charity suffereth long and 'tis kind."

Are you and I kind to our husband or wife? If we are not, we have not charity; and believe me, if we do not possess that gift the Spirit of God is going to have a hard time dwelling in our petty little souls.

"Charity envieth not" - Ah, how we do envy the possessions of our brethren and sisters; how we do hate to see them built up so they might surpass us in our greedy little souls. If we see a brother lauded, how we are aroused; and if a husband speaks kindly to a sister wife, how our beautiful souls burst forth in all their rottenness. Do they have the love of Christ? Delve into your own hearts, brothers and sisters, and see how much we are the saints of God

"Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." How proud we are. How much we love ourselves. Do we love our brothers and sisters as much; and if we do, do we prove it with our actions? We see it proved very seldom, and yet you and I profess to be the children of God and a choice people.

"[Charity] doth not behave itself unseemly." Sometimes we behave ourselves as ladies and gentlemen, and if we only realized that the eyes of our God are always upon us, we would indeed, with the unbelieving nations of the earth, ask that the rocks and the cliffs fall upon us because our conduct is certainly unseemly, and yet we are the children of God, and what a good opinion we have of ourselves.

"Charity seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil." Oh, I am sure we are all of those. We never want what's our own, and if a brother and sister comes and takes it, we gladly give it. We are never provoked to anger — I should say not. And we never think evil of one another – do we? Truly, we are the children of God.

"We rejoiced not in evil" I hope not! Charity doesn't, "but rejoiceth in truth." We truly seek after the truth - I pray God we may rejoice in it.

"Charity beareth all things, believeth all things" The people of the Church have charity, listen to their ministers and their Bishops and Presidents of their Stakes when they come to preach to you and cut you off the church because they have charity and believe everything that the Prophet Joseph Smith has given. Isn't that true? The Gospel was restored to us by the Prophet Joseph Smith, never to be taken from the earth again. It included laws to enable us to become like God himself and men

were commanded when they received a commandment they should receive it and obey it, and yet when we received it and obeyed it, then the Church leaders today take away all of our blessings and that is the 'pure love of God'. Apparently they "believe in all things" — if you don't believe it, you haven't had the Bishop or President of the Stake talk to you that way, because I have.

"[Charity] beareth all things." We are going to have to learn to bear all things — persecutions, revilings, the scourging – all these and many more we are going to have to learn to bear, because the love of Christ enables us to bear them.

"[Charity] hopeth all things and endureth all things." How it is easy for you and me to see how our brother steps on our toes; but how about when our actions to them are manifested? How are we enduring their petty littlenesses and if they are so little and we are so big, then let's see that we endure like the blessings of charity enable us to endure the short-comings of our fellow men. It is an essential quality - the love of Christ.

"Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." *[He Continued quoting through the end of the Chapter.]*

Have you and I got it? If we haven't, the Lord can't use us. Let us prepare I ask in Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Joseph W. Musser: I think that sermon was a very excellent one, and it is one that should strike home to every person here today.

23rd May 1943

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

I don't know that I have attended a meeting when I have felt the Spirit of the Lord more than today. In my weak way, I hope and pray I might contribute some factors, that that Spirit that has been with us thus far may continue and that God will bear witness to what I might say. God needs servants that can address His people as His mouthpiece. God needs servants that can give us the word of the Lord and we cannot call it to question, and as I stand up before this people and speak for a few moments I would a thousand times rather not speak than give anything He could not give His full approbation.

Some time ago I had a brother come to my home at night – a brother I love. My family were gathered about me and we were studying the scriptures. The Spirit of the Lord was in our home and we were rejoicing in the goodness of God and these men came and they were drunk like some of us sometimes are. And in telling this story I still say I love this brother. I have known him for years. But my heart was wrung out in sorrow for him because I remembered the words of Brigham Young when he said let any man continue in the use of liquor and if he does not cease he will apostatize and be damned. You and I have and will see those things fulfilled if we break any of the commandments of God, no matter how little we think they are. God is no respecter of persons and loves those that love Him and will keep His commandments; and as long as I have a weakness that I do not purge from my body that it may be cleansed, so long will I be damned; because no unclean thing can dwell in the presence of God.

This brother came in - “I am all cut up. I am drunk. I hope you will forgive me.” I said, “I have nothing to forgive you of” I dressed his wounds and cleaned him up and he broke down and cried and said, “I have been this way many times and my wife and family are fighting the fullness of the Gospel and I have got to drown my sorrows.” I said, “God has ways of trying you. You think you have been cut up because your wife and family have been opposing you. You're not a big enough man to receive the blessings of God that are ready to be poured out on you. If God opened the way for you to live the higher order, He would damn you by them.” He said, “Thank you. You will never find me this way again.”

I bear you my testimony as a servant of God and in the name of the Lord that you and I will be cut off from the presence of the Lord just as soon, as we continue to excuse ourselves from doing things that we know in our hearts are wrong.

Some of us are better judges of how the Lord's work ought to be

carried on than the Lord himself is. Some of us have different ways of doing our work on the Sabbath day. I remember the Savior condemned all of Israel because Israel insisted on bringing their loads through the city on the Sabbath day and I think if they were not justified in bringing their things through the city on the Sabbath day that you and I are not justified. They were promised if they would cease from that one thing He would deliver them from captivity.

If there is one thing that you and I need more than anything else in the face of the earth, it is to get humble enough before God to be directed by His spirit instead of my my opinion of what to do. We think God directs – we 'bid' ourselves that God directs us, but we do things our way all the time no matter how it disagrees with the word of the Lord to us. Isaiah said, "Oh, Israel, your ways are not my ways and my ways are not your ways, for as the heavens are above the earth so are my ways above yours. You have hewn out unto yourselves broken cisterns that will hold no water. I say the Lord hath forsaken you. Verily, thus saith the Lord my arm is not shortened that it will not save and my ear is not heavy that it will not hear but your sins have separated you from your God that He cannot help you."

How many of us are worth of the Priesthood we hold? Am I worthy of it? Do I have the ministering of angels? Do I hearken unto the priesthood that presides over me? Bro. Musser said: "Most of you come to me for counsel and I give you counsel and if it doesn't turn out right you blame me, but I give you the counsel I know you will do anyway." The servants of God are entitled to know our hearts and they know them better than we do. Other mens imperfections are on their backs and we see them: but we do not see ours. We go our way criticizing each other and wondering why God doesn't bless us more than he does and yet it is as plain as the noses on our face – we are not worthy of it. That is plain language, but it is true. Why do we have troubles in our families? Sometimes it is the women's faults and sometimes the men's fault but more often both of them. Why do wives and husbands and children disagree? Because they don't keep the commandments of God.

Brothers and sisters, God has put us upon a pedestal. I sometimes get my ears knocked down. The Lord has set us up on a pedestal as a light to the children of men and some of our lights are plenty dim. Some of them are pretty well doused with tobacco juice and gin. I am not saying that because the other fellow told me, but because I an in a position to know it.

I am picking on your faults, but God help me to treat my faults accordingly. One thing I love John Y. Barlow and Joseph Musser for is because they have been big enough to tell me my faults. When they have told me about those things, I have repented and have tried not to commit

them again.

As God lives, these things are true. I did not make my own utterances when I made my remarks about drinking. BrighamYoung said them, and I think he might have been right in that as well as in other things. I have marveled at our adeptness in wiggling around the things we do not like; but if we have got some little fault we love, how we can stand up for it. The TRUTH Magazine published these lines: “If there is one thing that is a greater sin than the sin itself, it is the justification of it.”

God is trying to make us a people He can use, and we are making a sorry mess of it. I don't know all our faults and weakness, and I think if there is anything that will get us in the Celestial Kingdom it is to get over the ‘little things’. I have seen some of the little ones. I have picked up some of my brethren so drunk they couldn't stand on their feet and when they get sober they swear to the Priesthood they never drank so much that they lost conscience. It may be that isn't a weakness, but Brigham Young said it was.

11th July 1943

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Brothers and sisters, the topic that I am to speak upon I was asked to speak upon. I sincerely hope that the Spirit of God will be with me that I might open our eyes and minds. I feel very unqualified as my thoughts were on the cares of the world. I am going to speak on the 59th Chapter of the Book of Isaiah. *[He read from the Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi 25:1-6, and said the words of Isaiah were applicable to all people at all times. "I do speak somewhat concerning the words which I have written, etc."]*

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." I want to tell you brothers and sisters no matter how high an opinion I have of myself or you have of yourselves, these scriptures apply to you and me. Nephi tells us that we may have the ministering of angels that they may minister unto us from day to day; yet who among us have been worthy of God's holy angels? This scripture applies to you and me, for we have need of humbling ourselves. God has blessings in store for us which we will not receive. The Doctrine and Covenants says,

Are we walking in the ministering of angels or are we contending with, each other? We are contending for the things that we do not rightfully possess.

> "For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness."

Now I am not saying that that applies altogether to you and me, but I do know that it applies to this dispensation. There are many who have defiled themselves and their hands are stained with blood, etc., because that which they speak is utter lies. I have had L.D. S. women come to me and beg me to relieve them of a conceived condition. I have told those women that as the Lord lives I will prosecute if I find out what doctor they go to to have it done. We are living in a world of sin and the Lord says that we will have to free ourselves from the iniquities of the world.

> "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth; they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity."

That is altogether apparent, that that which we seek after is vanity, it is natural that it will bring forth iniquity.

> "They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web; he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper."

That sounds more like a parable. Men's hearts are set upon evil. In the time of Noah the Lord said, "Behold I have suffered the flood to come upon these people because their thoughts were evil continuously." Now the Lord says the earth will have to be cleansed with fire; the very elements will melt with exuberant heat. That fire will be literal; it will be as literal as the flood was in the time of Noah.

> "Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works; their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths."

The Lord says in the Book of Mormon that in the last days they shall hate the truth. They will have enough and say that that is enough. Try preaching celestial marriage to your brothers and sisters. We think in our hearts, speaking collectively, we are pretty good folks, because we love ourselves more in our vanity; because we are more concerned over what our neighbors think than what God thinks of us.

The time was when only the thickly populated parts of the earth suffered the iniquities. The peaceful islands of the southern Pacific are tasting the wrath of war as they have never tasted it before because the world is ripe in iniquity. We in the world are what we reflect ourselves to be in what happens to us. If we are visited by the wrath of war, it is what we deserve. Mother earth groans because of the iniquities upon it, and she is swallowing up the wicked upon it.

You and I shall yet live to see the destructions of thousands and hundreds of thousands on the coastal cities of this world, because we merit it.

"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." He thinks in secret, but it comes to pass; environment is but a looking glass, his looking glass. As you and I are in our hearts, our capabilities of sowing in our own thoughts, so all our thoughts come back to us in misery, etc., in our homes. God will cleanse the world of iniquity. As you and I are evil in our thoughts, as God lives you shall reap that which is in your soul.

> "The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us; we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness."

Is it applicable to you and me today?

> "Verily I say unto you, that there are many who have been ordained among you, whom I have called but few of them are chosen. .They who are not chosen have sinned a very grievous sin, in that they are walking in darkness at noon-day." *(D&C 95:5 & 6)*

Isaiah spoke these words 680-720 years before Christ, but God spoke these words in our day to you and to me. It is a human trait to see our brother's failings. How we can pick on President Grant. But you and I will turn around and do just the same thing and justify ourselves in it. Are we not the children of God? Then all we do must be right in the eyes of God. Beware of vanity and conceit. It damns us. There is only one think in the world that will save us in the days to come, and that is what has been spoken by Bro. Williams when he said that we must have oil in our lamps, which is the Spirit of God. This message that has been given to us to get the Spirit of God. Few of us ever enjoy its sweet dictates or are enraptured in its glorious truths, and we must get it, for our salvation depends upon it NOW in this life. This life and the blood in our veins depends on it, for only the righteous can be saved.

> "We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves; we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them."

How many of us dare to stir the recesses of our own minds, what we recognize ourselves to be.

> "In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is

> turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."

The whole church of us, collectively, have departed from the revelations of God. We have gone our own way, we have become like the world and we love it. And the Lord says, "He that hateth me will love the world, and he that loveth me, etc." As God lives, the Spirit of God will depart from this people if we do repent, not humble ourselves, draw nearer to the Lord and keep His commandments more diligently.

You who hate plural marriage, see the hand of God manifest in this people, and go on hating it and it will destroy you as God lives.

> "Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey; and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment."

If the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which is God's church, was serving God and keeping His commandments as it should, the world would be hating it.

> "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him."

[He then spoke of how the Lord (probably D&C 25:17), will take vengeance upon the wicked and destroy them, and redeem His people.]

> "To Zion, the pure in heart, rise and shine, lift up thine eyes."

Now, brothers and sisters, the words of God are unto all men, but we are presupposed to apply it to the man in the next seat, and do not apply it to ourselves. Let us take these words personally; where they apply to ourselves, let us cleanse ourselves of iniquity and walk in the pure light of God, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

25th July 1943

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy, etc. I have been working but I hope the Lord will forgive me for it was quite necessary.

[He spoke of a man who was faithful in the Gospel in California, but was taking it so sincerely and enthusiastic, after the warning that Joseph gave us, that he lost the two women that he had at the time; that his damnation will be a thousandfold than if he had never entered the fullness of the Gospel; he believed the Gospel and lived it, but he sowed the seed ... over the rocks and when the heat came it withered and died. He married a wife and forsook her; married another and forsook her.]

We can be as sincere as anything, but still not be saved. *[He then spoke of the early settlers and the Indians. How the settlers sold onion seed to the Indians and said it was ammunition, and if they would plant it it would grow into ammunition.]*

Everything in life brings forth its own kind. If you plant onions, you will get onions; if you want salvation, you will get it by living up to the principles that the Lord has set down. Many of us are as sincere in our hearts as we can be, but we can be so far away in faith or doctrine as to go down to hell. A man will not succeed just because he enters the principle, not because he wants to live that way, but is because he has his heart in the Gospel and keeping the laws of God as God wants him to.

Living the fullness of the Gospel takes a lot of heartache and scourging as well as a lot of the Spirit of the Lord. This is my message to you: If the hardships that the Gospel of Jesus Christ and its principles incurs on us are such that it will not mean enough to you; that it will give you no happiness, peace, etc.; if you cannot lay down your life for the Gospel, knowing that the principles of the Gospel are true, then you should have no part of it.

[He then spoke of Job and his wife who said, "There is no God, Why do you not curse him, etc.", and when he was at the brink of death and hell, he said, "Though the worms eat this flesh from my bones, etc."] That is the kind of faith that we must have. We must set our hearts more on the things that God wants us to do and not what we want to do. I pray that that may be our endeavor, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

9th January 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[8]

[Bro. R. C. Allred was the third speaker and he thanked the Lord for the opportunity of speaking and asked Him to forgive him of his weaknesses and let His Spirit rest upon him that he might be able to enlighten the minds of those present.]

When Bro. Dockstader was speaking he said that it is a marvel that we don't get along better than we do, and I have been thinking that it is a marvel that we as individuals get along as well as we do. Our bodies are made up of billions of cells closely organized by the wisdom of God over a great period of time. Our spirits are made of matter so refined that it cannot be seen by our mortal eyes, but they too are composed of millions of cells. Our brain alone is composed of a billion or more cells that have been trained over many years to function and make up our individual lives, and there is not one of us that does not have different colored eyes, different complexion, different finger prints, from all others on the earth. No baby was born that did not have an individual finger print all its own. Yet, is it not a marvel that with each individual so unlike everybody else we harmonize our lives so well! If we consider ourselves as individuals, it is a marvel that we do so well. There is only one thing that brings us together and that is the Spirit of God that keeps us in a unity of faith, purpose and growth. That has been the keynote of the instructions of our leaders to us. If we have the Holy Ghost, it influences us all if we are not alike when we are influenced by this universal good. The fact that we do not see eye to eye, that we will subject our neighbor to trials for our own good, is a definite proof that we are not directed by that Spirit which emanates from our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The Savior was dictated by the fullness of the attributes of that Spirit and He told us that we should become like Him, that we should make our life's endeavor the acquiring of the fullness of these attributes; that we should hunger and thirst after righteousness; that we should know the truth and it will set us free. And if we hunger and thirst after righteousness, we shall be filled with the Holy Ghost. Individual selfishnesses, our individual characteristics, our personal cleverness lead us from that all prevailing influence; but we would become as one, if we were guided by the Holy Ghost. God did not mean that we should be one in body any more than He and His Son were, for Christ prayed that we

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should all be one as He and the Father are one; that is, in purpose and attributes. Our purpose is to get the Spirit of God and keep it. It is the Spirit of God that leads us to perfection so that there is nothing that we cannot know and understand. Every creature should subject its own life and its own attainment and subject itself to the mind and will of God to build up the Kingdom of God. This was our Heavenly Father's desire when He placed us in mortality. Each creature should realize that its own hope and happiness is in the subject of its own will and its own mind to the will of God. This applies to all living things. Only in the subjection of self can we hope to live forever; and only by the domination of our own will, the striving to preserve our lives do we lose them. It was for this reason that the Savior said, "He who seeks to save his life shall lose it; and he who shall give his life for my name's sake, shall gain it. It is only by living all truths and the eternal decrees of God can we live eternally. Eternal life was by God's decree predicated upon this principle. We who subject ourselves to our own wills must eventually be destroyed, for that, too, is in accord with the eternal decree of an all-wise Creator. Section 93 of the D. & C. says, in substance, that that temple which is defiled must needs be destroyed; the elements are the temples of God and that temple which is defiled must be destroyed; for nothing that is unclean can dwell in the presence of God. The Lord said that we were to worship him in truth; in fact we worship truth as exemplified in Him.

So we see that it is our duty to drive from our lives our personal discordant characteristics and subject our attributes to the all pervading influence of the Holy Ghost. We should devote our entire effort and sacrifice our entire time and talents to lift others up by our sacrifice and service. The scriptures say that pure religion before God the Father is this: "To visit the widow and the orphan in their affliction and to keep yourself unspotted from the world." Most of us in our own endeavor to preserve ourselves, forget to think of others less fortunate than we. We do not realize it is that only in giving ourselves that we grow. When we cease to subject our desires, we cease to grow, cease to expand, etc. J. Golden Kimball said, "I want to impress upon you—you are a good people, but I do not know what you are good for." What are we doing! Are we devoting ourselves to self? I If we are doing everything for our own self-improvement, then we are not getting very far. Only by reaching out a hand to others and living the laws of God, can we get to the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God has a king; it has its own laws, and its own officers to enforce them, and must have subjects to be governed. God said, "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." *(Moses 1:39)* Only by living the Gospel, by becoming one with God, by subjecting our every act and thought to His guidance, can we become rulers in the Kingdom of God;

and we can, whether in life or in death, enjoy its influence and eventually live in the presence of Jesus Christ and the Father; for the Savior promised that with such, He and the Father would come and make their abode. If we do not devote ourselves to the building up of that kingdom in this life, or in the life to come, all that we ever live for or hope to live for will be taken from us. It will be because we have permitted our personal desires to lead us away from the Spirit of God, for that man who becomes a law unto himself cannot be saved, if we are destroyed, it will be because of our selfishness, and all that we attain independent of the Spirit of God will be destroyed with us; for only by obedience to the Gospel and exercise of the pure principles of the Priesthood can we acquire an eternal Kingdom, and that kingdom must be a part of the Kingdom of God.

Virtues of godliness can only grow by giving them away. If we greedily strive to keep to ourselves our God-given talents, we lose all. The Savior said, “He who is great among you. Let him be your servant; and he who is greatest of all, let him be the servant of all.” He devoted Himself to others, though he had God-given powers. All of His life was spent in succoring the weak and afflicted, and in teaching the principles and ordinances of the Gospel which He perfectly understood and easily applied. You and I often in our own efforts to gain, lose our hopes for eternal life.

All that we have in the eternal worlds will be achieved because we became one with the Spirit of God. The whole Gospel message is: We oust cease devoting out time and efforts to our personal advantage, and rather use our personal efforts to the keeping of the laws of God, and the laws of God are administered in the Kingdom of God; and we are promised that as Saints of the Most High, we shall be the officers to enforce God's laws and eventually become like the great King. We must sacrifice all things if we are willing to prove that by our works; then truly we shall be in the Kingdom of God. As Bro. Dockstader said, regardless of our personal failings, if we get the Spirit of God then we will build up the Kingdom of God, in ourselves. May God grant that this will be our efforts, that we may sustain each other and help each other, and subject our will to the will of those who preside over us in righteousness.

Let us offer our prayers for Bro. Chatwin and for Bro. and Sr. Zenz, for if we serve God and keep His commandments, our prayers will be heard and their burdens will be made light. Let us pray that we may be found worthy to endure all things without complaint, that we may be guided by the influence of the Holy Ghost. It is one thing to believe and it is another thing to live the Gospel, and still another thing to be able to endure all things. We may be strong in our own efforts, but beware lest we be delivered over to the buffetings of Satan, and we will be without

strength.

Brothers and sisters, we are going to endure more than we can imagine. That time is at hand when we will truly suffer many trials and tribulations. Joseph Smith said, “Some say, ‘Cannot we be saved without obedience to all these ordinances?’ ‘No, not the fullness of salvation; for he who is saved in the highest mansion will have to obey all the laws and ordinances as Jesus Christ did. If you do not, you will fall short of your exaltation and be destroyed.” That man who would serve God and keep His commandments, even after he had obeyed the ordinances of baptism and received the Holy Ghost, must abide by the whole law of God to be exalted. After paying his tithes and offerings, doing good to his fellow men, then let him continue to serve the Lord in all things and subject himself to the will of God, and the time will come when he will serve God at all costs. The time will eventually come when God shall say, “My son, thou shalt be exalted.” Let us let the exalting influences of the Holy Ghost direct our every action in life for our salvation and that of our fellow men, I pray [in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.]

6th April 1944

Thursday Meeting

My brothers and sisters, I never felt weaker in my life in being called than I do today in being asked to address this people. I sincerely hope and pray with all my heart that I might have the Spirit of God in its power and might to dictate my words, that they might be as though from His lips to the edification of all of us.

I marvel at God's goodness to us because of our unworthiness, and particularly do I marvel at His goodness to me in my unworthiness, transgressions and limitations, for His blessings are poured cut upon me and my household all the day long. When I rise in the morning and contemplate the blessings of heaven; in my laboring in the daytime – when I see the hand of God blessing my efforts, when I return to my wives and children at night and feel the blessing of the Spirit of God in my household; and when I retire to my rest; my heart is filled with gladness and my eyes with tears of gratitude to God Almighty for all His goodness to me and my family and this people. I assure you, brothers and sisters, if our hearts are set upon keeping the commandments of God, if cur eyes are single to His glory, there is nothing that can take place in life or in death, freedom, or imprisonment, joy or in sorrows that can work to our hurt.

We have the charge of working together for our gaining of glory and exaltation in the presence of God and for the accomplishment of His purposes in us upon the earth, and I feel moved to say, as Paul said, “Our eyes have not seen, our ears have not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man what glories God. has prepared for those who keep His commandments.”

What a puny effort it is, not withstanding the numerical superiority of those who have raised their hands against us, notwithstanding the might of the nation and the state, notwithstanding the powers of hatred in the hearts of the people – oh, puny it is, indeed, that they raise against us with Almighty God behind us to assist us in living and teaching His Gospel. We should be led to thank God with all of our hearts that we are counted worthy to suffer some little for His name's sake.

Boys from this nation have rode out into the wilds of the South Pacific, in the densest jungles of the earth, to fight a most brutal enemy. They have given their lives in the defense of the ir understanding of democracy and freedom. Some of them have sufferer: untold agony because of their wounds. Thousands of them have endured torment at the hands of merciless men who have taken them into imprisonment. Some

of them have starved to death and some have suffered brutality in defense of what we consider our freedom, our wives and children, and homes. And it is well that when we fight for just causes we should shed our blood and endure much. Have we yet been called to endure very much? If some of us are incarcerated in the jails and penitentiaries of the state, have we yet endured what some of our sons and brothers and friends have been called to endure for their understanding of freedom, self-justification and glory? I want to tell you, brothers and sisters, if we do not repent and sanctify and hallo our lives, if we do not draw closer to God and entitle ourselves through righteous living to more of the guidance of His Holy Spirit, God is going to suffer us to be ground into the dust.

Our righteousness as individuals must entitle us to God's blessings and as families must give us power to keep alive the holy principles of God. That and only that can give us the positive knowledge that we have His approval and will receive His help. God cannot justify us in our sins. He will not justify us if we do not merit it. Our people in times past fell short of upholding and sustaining the fullness of the Gospel – not because God failed to keep His promises and fight our battles against this nation – not because of the judges – not because of the power of Lucifer and his hosts that were set against us, but because we were divided, because less than 5% of the Church ever lived the principle involved, because 97% of the Church didn't care if they lived it. That is why we failed, and if we fail today it will be because we are divided and haven't the integrity to call upon God today and be heard.

The principles and laws we live are true as Heaven is true and will exist through time and all eternity. Then are we worthy to hold them up? And have those principles embedded themselves in us enough to glorify us? If they are not in our hearts and our lives so lived, as God lives He cannot justify us and He cannot vindicate us because we are not worthy of it. That is the only question that needs be in your and my heart as to how far God will carry us along in this fight and save us from imprisonment, deprivation, misery and unhappiness.

These principles we teach, these laws we try to live can never be done away. They will not be done away. This government and all the nations and government upon the earth cannot crush out the principles and ordinances of God as reestablished by the Prophet Joseph Smith in this dispensation of time never to be taken from the earth again, and those principles of the are truly an integral part of our lives, if they sanctify and purify us, if they make these bodies pure and holy, those principles making us thus pure and holy will uphold and sustain us. But only if these principles are exemplified in our lives will they save us, and that man or women who thinks they can go on living after the pattern of

the world, contrary to the principles of the Gospel, justifying themselves In their own disobedience to God will find that the principles of the Gospel will crush and damn them instead of saving them, and that is true just as heaven is true .

I listened to the address of Pres. Heber J. Grant today. The things that were said were beautiful and soul-inspiring and obedience given to the counsel given would save and direct the people of this Church Into righteousness, truthfulness and holiness. I listened to the brethren presenting the names of the leaders of the Church to the members to be sustained, and those listening over the radio were give the glorious privilege of sustaining the leaders In their homes. And what a glorious privilege, because if they voted against the leaders at home the couldn't be cut off from the Church. Now, that is dictatorship. You may say that isn't as it is *[missing text]*.

The principle of free agency — God gave us the agency to move and to exercise our intelligence and our physical powers within the scope of our authority. My religious liberty, my physical liberty, my spiritual liberty are circumscribed only by the amount of the authority I have from God in my given field. My family is under my jurisdiction, covenanting to obey me as I obey God in righteousness, and my authority, my religious freedom, and every other freedom, is unlimited. These brethren with the power of the Priesthood would not and could not step into the confines of my home and tell me what my family should do or tell them what they should no without my approval. That is beyond their authority if I am righteous. If it is beyond the authority of those who hold the keys of authority in the earth, how far beyond the authority of this state it lies to tell me wherein my religious liberties can be circumscribed. How far beyond the prerogatives of this nation it lies to tell me the same thing; and wherever principles of righteousness are trampled upon, whether it be by the nation or the state or the Church, God will vindicate the principle. He always has and always will. If he doesn't see fit to vindicate us in living the principle, it will only be because we are not worthy.

What does it matter if we go to jail? What does it matter if we spend the greater part of our lives in trials and tribulations? If matters not if God is with us, His Spirit will enlighten our souls and we will be far happier in the penitentiaries of this land if God so will it than those who are on the outside fighting against the principles of a Holy God.

Through one of His servants, God told the people it was their wickedness that brought about their destruction. He said, “I do not delight in the destruction of the wicked. It is my desire that they turn from their sins and live.” Only the righteous are to be saved. That, my brothers and sisters, lays the line, definitely and positively for you and me. There is one thing that may trouble some of us, and that thing is, will

I remain faithful in the hour of travail, persecution and trouble and trials that are coming upon me, or will I falter and go by the way and become like the rest of the world? I hope it is in the hearts of but a few. And then there is one other thing that should be in the hearts of all of us, regardless of how we will stand, and that is am I living so I can have a just and powerful claim upon God through my righteousness? Can I be vindicated before these men I love, before God and all men? Mercy cannot rob justice. We must have a just claim on the blessings.

And brothers and sisters, if you can know that you are living so that you may have a claim upon the blessings, come what may it will bring you joy and happiness. Whether it despoils us of our goods, our possessions, deprives us of our wives and children, causes us to have our bodies torn asunder, it matters not. For we know that God is with us and He can do all things. Let us as individuals, one and all, draw so close to God in our everyday lives, in our everyday striving that we can look to heaven morning, noon and night and ask Him to bless us, and may we have a just claim upon those blessings I pray in Christ's name, Amen.

9th April 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[9]

John Y. Barlow: I have a letter and an article here I would like to let Bro. Rulon Allred read.

[Rulon Allred read letter dated March 31, 1944 from Athol, Idaho, written by R. Porter Conger, also after read article appearing in "New York Daily News" of 16 March commenting as follows:]

Rulon C. Allred: These things have come from the outside world and express the feelings of all of us. I think they will help to strengthen our testimonies, and I think that the thing I feel will be apparent to you, and that is extreme humility. This article is the result of a statement Bro. Musser and I were called on to give at the time of the trial. This publication is founded upon that conversation, along with other findings that they took from the. prosecuting attorneys and officers. So if you find my name mentioned in it, you will understand it is not only because I was in this conversation but because some of the later references were taken at a time when I was appointed to oversee presenting our cases before the world in pictures and story, and Bro. Darger presented his case to me and asked my advice and counsel under direction of the Priesthood.

[After completing the article, Bro. Allred said:] I hope these things will prove inspiring to you. With this letter came several clippings – one the picture of the girls in jail, and another clipping from a publication in which we were strongly defended and Jean Barlow Darger and Marie Beth Cleveland appear and the letter is addressed to Jean.

This persecution and prosecution is going too far to convince the world that we have the heart to stand for these principles as we do and have the blessings of God attending us.

9 Held at the Priesthood Home. J. Y. Barlow Presided and conducted.

3rd July 1944

Monday Testimony Meeting[10]

Joseph Musser: I am going to call on Bro. Rulon C. Allred to open the meeting and to announce a little matter of business which he had been appointed to attend to.

Rulon Allred: [Asked that the saints submit pictures of their children to be used in the work of the Lord.]

I pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be with us today, that those who have a testimony to bear and feel moved upon will bear it, that our faith in the fullness of the Gospel will be strengthened and our determination after we leave this meeting will be to serve God better than we have in the past.

I am thankful for the talents that the Lord has given me, my faith, my testimony of the Gospel, the privilege of living in this dispensation, the noble parentage, the testimony that I am of Ephraim, the hope I have of eternal life and salvation, the assurance I have that I and others of my family will go back and build up the new Jerusalem. I pray that God will give me and mine sufficient strength that we will let our light shine that the world will acknowledge that we are good and clean and holy and I pray that that will be the blessing poured out upon all of us. Let our environment be holy. The Lord has told us to stand in holy places and that by faith the saints should be purified and sanctified. I pray that God will give us the strength and courage to do it in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

John Y. Barlow: My brothers and sisters, I thought in looking over the picture of Bro. Allred's family that went out and this picture of Lyman Jessop's family has done more good than we could have done in sending out preachers for 10 years.

10 Priesthood Home. John Y. Barlow presided, Joseph Musser conducted.

6th August 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

God is going to judge all men by the standard of the laws He has revealed to all men in the Holy Scriptures. “Out of the books shall the living and the dead be judged.” God keeps a record in Heaven, and men make their record in life, and there is hardly a mortal who lives but the details of his life are found in some manner in the records of the sectarian churches and the records of the state or nation in which he lives.

God says if we will live His laws and keep His commandments, we will be saved. The greatest sin is the shedding of innocent blood, to take mortal life, to rob man of his measure of existence; and next is that of sexual impurity. I want to dwell upon those two points and apply them to the world and you people today. Lucifer has said he would take the Church today and bind them as if with a flaxen cord so they could be lead carefully to hell and bind them in his awful chains from which there can be no deliverance.

What could be worse than shedding innocent blood? The greatest sins are not the sins being punished by the Federal Government or the crimes punished by the state or the nations abroad, but are the sins being enacted and nothing by mortal man or mortal laws is being done about them at all. No hand is raised against these grosser crimes. They are not the sins of the shedding the blood of our fellow men in an open war in defense of our homes, our wives, our children or our liberties; because terrible though it is, these are not the greatest sins that fall upon the shoulders of mortality today — these greater sins are condoned by all the churches in the earth, including the Church of Latter day Saints. The greatest sin is the shedding of the blood of our little unprotected unborn children. Next to this sin is the perversion of the sexual act purely for pleasure without being willing to assume the severe responsibilities dependent upon it. When men and women come together as man and wife in the sexual act without any intention of assuming the responsibilities dependent thereon and then when they find a child is conceived they destroy that life, they have violated two of the greatest laws of God. They have committed two great sins: 1st, they have prostituted the sexual act for unholy reasons; 2nd, they have shed the innocent blood of their own offspring.

The greatest race that lives upon the earth today, the white race, has for generations slowly been committing suicide by interfering with the fountains of life, and so popular has that diabolical science become that it is common practice, laughed about and considered smart and the proper thing to do by no less than 75% of the member of the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints.

Less than fifty years ago John Taylor said, “There are those in this nation who seek to direct our affairs and tell us whether we can have more than one wife. They think we are a bunch of fools, but we have the best of them because we know that they are. They are interfering with the fountains of life, and they are killing their unborn children. And as God lives they shall be damned. I have been informed that there are certain of our sisters who are taking up these damnable practices, and I want to warn you that any of the sisters or husbands who encourage these practices among you shall be damned, for God will not tolerate it. You shall be wiped off the face of the earth and destroyed in the eternal worlds if you do these things.”

Today the art of birth control, the methods of bringing about abortions and destroying that life conceived is so common its training and practice among the Mormon people that it is considered in good taste - and I have had women who are otherwise sweet and good come to my office and ask me to take their unborn children from them - and when I have told them that I will not lend my hand to the shedding of innocent blood they have been surprised. I have told a good many such cases, “I will not help you to destroy your child, and if I find you have done it I will assist in prosecuting you.” I had one such woman come to my office, a Mormon sister, who had deliberately taken the life of her unborn child, I asked her if she was concerned about herself. She said, “Never mind about that, what is the situation of such a person?” I told her she couldn't stand the answer if I told her.

One sister told me that the methods of birth control were taught in the Relief Society and that 75% of the sisters, by their uplifted hands, sustained and approved of the practice.

Do we wonder that the world is ripened in iniquity? The interpretation I have here given is not my own; it was that of the Prophet Joseph. I have felt impressed to talk thus plainly because these things have come to my mind in the last few minutes with a great deal of force. I am confident that there is not a man or a woman within the sound of my voice today who would dare face the vengeance of a Just and an Almighty God by in any way interfering with the fountains of life. But I want to say, as a servant of the Lord, if you do you will be damned, as God lives. When you have no knowledge, then God judges the heart, but Latter day Saints were taught in these principles from the inception of the Gospel in this dispensation, and any Latter day Saint who does these things has a hard time excusing himself before the Throne of Diety. Therefore, thank God we are free from these grosser sins of the world of today. May God help us to stand out as a light and an example of the truth in all things is my prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Joseph W. Musser: I want to endorse with all my heart the remarks of Bro. Allred.

9th September 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[11]

Brother Rulon thanked the Lord for the opportunity of speaking and asked Him to forgive him of his weaknesses and let His Spirit rest upon him that he might be able to enlighten the minds of those present.

... I have been thinking that it is a marvel that we as individuals get along as well as we do. Our bodies are made up of billions of cells closely organized by the wisdom of God over a great period of time. Our spirits are made of matter so refined that it cannot be seen by our mortal eyes, but they too are composed of millions of cells. Our brain alone is composed of a billion or more cells that have been trained over many years to function and make up our individual lives, and there is not one of us that does not have different colored eyes, different complexion, different finger prints, from all others on the earth. No baby was born that did not have an individual finger print all its own. Yet, is it not a marvel that with each individual so unlike everybody else we harmonize our lives so well! If we consider ourselves as individuals, it is a marvel that we do so well.

There is only one thing that brings us together and that is the Spirit of God that keeps us in a unity of faith, purpose and growth. That has been the keynote of the instructions of our leaders to us. If we have the Holy Ghost, it influences us all ... we are influenced by this universal good. The fact that you do not see eye to eye, that we will subject our neighbor to trials for our own good, is a definite proof that we are not directed by that Spirit which emanates from our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The Savior was dictated by the fullness of the attributes of that Spirit and He told us that we should be like Him, that we should make our lifes endeavor the acquiring of the fullness of these attributes; that we should hunger and thirst after righteousness; that we should know the truth and it will set us free. And if we hunger and thirst after righteousness, we shall be filled with the Holy Ghost. Individual selfishnesses, our individual characteristics, our personal cleverness lead us from that all prevailing influence; but we would become as one, if we were guided by the Holy Ghost. God did not mean that we should be one in body any more than He and His Son were, for Christ prayed that we should all be one as He and the Father are one; that is, in purpose and attributes.

Our purpose is to get the Spirit of God and keep it. It is the Spirit of God that leads us to perfection so that there is nothing that we

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cannot know and understand. Every creature should subject its own life and its own attainment and subject itself to the mind and will of God to build up the Kingdom of God. This was our Heavenly Father's desire when He placed us in mortality. Each creature should realize that its own hope and happiness is in the subject of its own will and its own mind to the will of God. This applies to all living things, only in the subjection of self can we hope to live forever; and only by the domination of our own will, the striving to preserve our lives do we lose them. It was for this reason that the Savior said, "He who seeks to save his life shall lose it; and he who shall give his life for my name's sake shall gain it." It is only by living all truths and the eternal decrees of God can we live eternally. Eternal life was by God's decree predicated upon this principle. We who subject ourselves to our own wills must eventually be destroyed, for that too, is in accord with the eternal decree of an all-wise Creator. Section 93 of the Doctrine and Covenants says, in substance, that that temple which is defiled must needs be destroyed; the elements are the temples of God and that temple which is defiled must be destroyed; for nothing that is unclean can dwell in the presence of God. The Lord said that we were to worship Him in truth; in fact we worship truth as exemplified in Him.

So we see that it is our duty to drive from our lives our personal discordant characteristics and subject our attributes to the all pervading influence of the Holy Ghost. We should devote our entire effort and sacrifice our entire time and talents to lift others up by our sacrifice and service. The scriptures say that "pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: To visit the widow and the orphan in their affliction and to keep yourself unspotted from the world." Most of us in our own endeavor to preserve ourselves, forget to think of others less fortunate than we. We do not realize it is that only in giving ourselves that we grow. When we cease to subject our desires, cease to grow, cease to expand, etc. J. Golden Kimball said, "I want to impress upon you — you are a good people, but I do not know what you are good for." What are we doing? Are we devoting ourselves to self? If we are doing everything for our own self-improvement, then we are not getting very far. Only by reaching out a hand to others and living the laws of God, can we get to the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God has a king; it has its own laws, and its own officers to enforce them, and must have subjects to be governed. God said, "This is my work and my glory to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man." Only by living the Gospel, by becoming one with God, by subjecting our every act and thought to His guidance, can we become rulers in the Kingdom of God; and we can, whether in life or in death, enjoy its influence and eventually live in the

presence of Jesus Christ and the Father; for the Savior promised that with such, He and the Father would come and make their abode. If we do not devote ourselves to the building up of that kingdom in this life, or in the life to come, all that we ever live for or hope to live for will be taken from us. It will be because we have permitted our personal desires to lead us away from the Spirit of God, for that man who becomes a law unto himself cannot be saved, if we are destroyed, it will be because of our selfishness, and all that we attain independent of the Spirit of God will be destroyed with us; for only by obedience to the Gospel and exercise of the pure principles of the Priesthood can we acquire an eternal kingdom, and that kingdom oust be a part of the Kingdom of God.

Virtues of godliness can only grow by giving them away. If we greedily strive to keep to ourselves our God-given talents, we lose all. The Savior said, "He who is great among you. Let him be your servant; and he who is greatest of all, let him be the servant of all." He devoted himself to others, though He had God-given powers. All of His life was spent in succoring the weak and afflicted, and in teaching the principles and ordinances of the Gospel which He perfectly understood and easily applied. You and I often in our own efforts to gain lose our hopes for eternal life.

All that we have in the eternal worlds will be achieved because we became one with the Spirit of God. The whole Gospel message is: We must cease devoting out time and efforts to our personal advantage, and rather use our personal efforts to the keeping of the laws of God, and the laws of God are administered in the Kingdom of God; and we are promised that as Saints of the Most High, we shall be the officers to enforce God's laws and eventually become like the great King. We must sacrifice all things if we are willing to prove that by our works; then truly we shall be in the Kingdom of God. ... Regardless of our personal failings, if we get the Spirit of God then we will build up the Kingdom of God. In ourselves, may God grant that this will be our efforts, that we may sustain each other and help each other, and subject our will to the will of those who preside over us in righteousness.

... If we serve God and keep His commandments, our prayers will be heard and their burdens still be made light. Let us pray that we may be found worthy to endure all things without complaint, that we may be guided by the influence of the Holy Ghost, It is one thing to believe and it is another thing to live the Gospel, and still another thing to be able to endure all things. We may be strong in our own efforts, but beware lest we be delivered over to the buffetings of Satan, and we will be without strength.

Brothers and sisters, we are going to endure more than you can imagine. That time is at hand when we will truly suffer many trials and

tribulations. Joseph Smith said, Some say, "Cannot we be saved without obedience to all these ordinances! 'No, not the fullness of salvation; for he who is saved in the highest mansion will have to obey all the laws and ordinances as Jesus Christ did. If you do not, you will fall short of your exaltation and be destroyed.'" That man who would serve God and keep His commandments, even after he had obeyed the ordinances of baptism and received the Holy Ghost, must abide by the whole law of God to be exalted. After paying his tithes and offerings, doing good to his fellow men, then let him continue to serve the Lord in all things and subject him elf to the will of God, and the time will come a hen he will serve God at all costs. The time will eventually come when God shall say, "My son, thou shalt be exalted." Let us let the exalting influences of the Holy Ghost direct our every action in life for our own salvation and that of our fellow man [I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.]

8th October 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting[12]

Rulon C. Allred was the next speaker and he asked the Lord to direct his words. He said that he thought none of us truly realized the importance of things that are transpiring about us, and we have not yet endured things that we will be required to endure; we have not suffered in relation to the principles of the Gospel as the early leaders did but the time is at hand when the viciousness of the people and the church will be manifested like it was in the early days.

Sixty years ago John Taylor decried that the Constitution no longer gave freedom of religion, and the right to vote according to our desires; that the Utah Commission passed a law which made it compulsory for officers of the State and nation to question the would-be voters about their belief in polygamy, and if they believed it they were denied the right to vote; and that was considered good law, as stated in court recently by Brigham E. Roberts, grandson of B. H. Roberts who lived plural marriage. He cited the case of George Reynolds who submitted himself as a trial case; Notwithstanding the fact that the early leaders of the Church declared that the laws of God came first and they must be obeyed, Brigham E. Roberts gets up in court and says the laws of men must be enforced and they cannot stand for this foolishness; and may the Lord damn him for the things he said. “Woe unto any people that sneak in and betray the men of God.” Church spies! The names to characterize them by are in the names of the lower animal kingdom. They say we who are on trial are lying, and we should stand up and take it like men, we should not hide when they come to arrest us! He elaborated further on the Church spies who have been watching us, yet they say those being prosecuted are of Protestant churches, yet they have cut us off. Bro. Allred then spoke of Jesus Christ and how the law of God was binding upon Him, and so it is today. He said those who are prosecuting us are trespassing and trampling the very laws they are trying to enforce; that Judge Symes was the only true judge who dared to do as he was convinced.

He said, “I know the Gospel is true, and it burns, in my heart and soul; it means-more to me than my life, or my lands and livestock, or my wives and children, and I would. rather rot in jail than turn traitor to it.” Brothers and sisters, we have got to stand true to our religion and get into a position that we can be saved. God cannot use us if we do not. May God bless us with a testimony of Jesus Christ; may His spirit be our

12 Joseph W. Musser presided and conducted.

constant companion; may we walk in holiness that the glory of the Lord may shine from our eyes, that men may see our good works and glorify His name, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen."

12th November 1944

Sunday Afternoon Meeting

My brothers and sisters, I hope in standing before you I can be dictated to by the Spirit of God in all I say. I have never heard a speaker in a meeting but what I try to apply his words to myself, not the other fellow. I want to grow; I want to become a servant of God, to be clean and pure. When a servant of God speaks, I want to apply if to myself. I felt that Bro. Marion spoke directly to me, and I feel I can benefit by it. I do not know when I have become more aware of my imperfections.

I do not profit much by the things that I learn. When I went home after Sunday School this morning some of the members of the family asked if we had a good lesson and I told them that I had too much to say. I hope the Lord in His goodness will guide me by His spirit that I may know when to hold my peace. There is nothing that I would rather do than to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I have a sincere desire to attain the attributes of Godliness. The more apparent my weaknesses are, the more humble I feel. Since I was a child I have been taught to pray, pray sincerely that my Father [in heaven] would hear my prayers. I thank God for that; for as I grow older I realize the importance of that.

Brothers and sisters, when we become aware of our imperfections so that we, in our intimate closets, can say, “Lord, forgive me a sinner,” and we really mean it, we will have accomplished something. Many of us are just like a sieve; our neighbor sees the holes and we do not.

The Lord is trying to qualify us to be used. There is never a more glorious opportunity than now to qualify. We say to wait until tomorrow; another day does not make any' difference. We can stand back in the mud one more time. We can taste this sweet morsel one more time; we will wait to perfect ourselves tomorrow. I feel that if we are as we should be, every lip and every tongue would say, “Here is a people that is being persecuted for the Gospel's sake,” then the Lord would use us. We go on making mistakes and they reflect upon our brethren and sisters, and more particularly on the work of God that we are supposed to preach. I sincerely pray the Lord will teach us to be humble and live every day of our lives as perfectly, as we can. What we are and what we do reflects itself on our countenances to those who preside over us. We may think that we are better qualified for this or that than the other fellow, but they know how bad we are; and the more you grow older you will learn that the Spirit of God dictates those things.

May God forgive me my imperfections; may my Father in heaven teach me to overcome my weaknesses; may God strengthen my

back that I may see them and overcome them, for it is written of old, “They that became perfect in their generation.” I want to become perfect.

We all do not see the doctrine of Jesus Christ alike, but we will do this one thing – submit our minds to the will of God and be as one led by the Shepherd. Some of us are going to prison; some of our women are going to be left desolate. I wonder how many of us have forgotten Johnny and Lola Zenz. How many of us would take it as humbly as they have. How many of us would say they would willingly take care of those left desolate when the suffering of the Saints demands it, when the imprisonment of the Saints demands it.

God bless you and your families and guide you by the spirit of love, even as the angels of God. I sincerely hope that the trials that we will go through and are going through will not be too much, that it will not destroy us.

I was going to close, but there is another thought that I would like to express. Some of the young people may think that Bro. Marion, Charles, and others of us impose our thoughts upon them to much. They feel that they can do what they want. Some of us have lived long enough to see some children destroyed by the things of the world. I know that some of our boys and girls have forfeited their opportunities to gain an' exaltation. Your brethren will counsel you to do what you should, but they will not force you to do it. The servants of God get up and talk to us and we do these things when we want to, but when we “do not, we shake them off. I never knew anyone who knew quite as much as the 15 or 16 year old boy or girl thinks he does. Then we think, old grey-haired Dad does not have much sense. Get down on your knees and say, “Heavenly Father, Thy will be done.” Prophecies are being fulfilled concerning the daughters of Zion. Let us get close to the Lord, and I pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Chronology of Rulon Allred's Life

1906 - 1945

1906 Born in Colonia Dublin, Mexico
(to post-Manifesto polygamist Byron Harvey Allred, Jr.)
1926 Marries Kathryn Handy (who leaves him in 1935)
1935 Given authority by John Y. Barlow to seal Saints in California
1935 Marries Myrtle Lloyd and Ruth Barlow
1936 Marries Melba Finlayson and Mabel F.
1937 Given authority by Joseph W. Musser to seal Saints in Idaho
1938 Marries Athlene Mills
1939 Begins practicing medicine in Utah
1940 Given a blessing by JWM that he would one day hold the keys of the Priesthood and be a prophet, seer and revelator
1940 Marries Leona Jeffs
1944 Arrested for unlawful cohabitation (polygamy)
1945 Released from prison, marries Ethel Jessop

On the 6th of May 1951 Rulon Allred was called as an Apostle in the Priesthood Council by Joseph W. Musser, its President. By the Summer of 1952 he received his Second Anointings, along with several new Council members who had been ordained in January of the same year. Upon the death of Musser in March 1954, Rulon became the President of the Priesthood.

In 1977 Rulon died a martyr, being shot by Rena Chenoweth, under instructions from Ervil LeBaron, because he refused to capitulate to Ervil's demands. He was succeeded by his brother Owen, who was succeeded in February 2005 by J. LaMoine Jenson.